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SUBJECT: OAS CHARTER REFORM

REF: 75 STATE 302497

1. ON JANUARY 22 POL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED LATIN REACTION TO US CHARTER REFORM PROPOSALS WITH CARLOS DUARTE, FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF OF AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT. DUARTE HAD BEEN GIVEN SUMMARY OF MAILLIARD-WHITE FINDINGS (REFTEL) EARLIER BUT HAD DEFERRED COMMENT UNTIL HE HAD A CHANCE TO STUDY THEM.

2. DUARTE CONSIDERED THAT MOST STRIKING FINDING WAS THAT SEVERAL FOREIGN MINISTERS BELIEVED THAT PRACTICAL CHANGES IN OAS PRACTICES ARE NEEDED MORE THAN A NEW CHARTER. HE SAID THAT BRAZIL WAS SYMPATHETIC TO THIS IDEA THOUGH IT WOULD BE MOST UNLIKELY TO TAKE THE LEAD IN PROPOSING SUCH AN APPROACH AND HE VOICED STRONG DOUBTS THAT ANY LATIN STATE, REGARDLESS OF ITS  
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PRIVATELY HELD CONVICTIONS, WOULD BE WILLING TO OPENLY PROPOSE

DEEMPHASIZING THE REFORM EXERCISE IN MIDSTREAM IN FAVOR OF PRACTICAL CHANGES. HE ALSO NOTED THAT ABSENCE OF CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF SPECIAL CONFERENCE MATCHED HIS OWN IMPRESSIONS. HE SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE A CAREFUL REVIEW OF CHARTER REFORM PROPOSALS AFTER THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE SUBMITS THEM TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. HE HOPED TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH US ON THE ISSUES AND WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HEARING THE RESULTS OF FURTHER MAILLIARD-WHITE CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBER GOVERNMENTS.

3. DUARTE CONCLUDED BY COMMENTING THAT WHATEVER IS TO BE DONE ABOUT THE OAS IT SHOULD BE DONE SOON BECAUSE HE HD THE STRONG IMPRESSION FROM THE JANUARY CARACAS MEETING THAT SELA IS RAPIDLY GETTING ORGANIZED AND BEGINNING TO MOVE. HE COMMENTED THAT IN ESTABLISHING ITS INTERNAL PROCEDURES, SELA HAD AVOIDED THE WORST ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL BOTTLENECKS OF THE OAS. HE CONSIDERED IT A MARK OF GROWING MATURITY THAT SELA WAS ABLE TO BEAT DOWN EMOTIONAL PERUVIAN POLITICAL PROPOSALS AT CARACAS AND TO CONCENTRATE ITSELF ON ECONOMIC ISSUES AT HAND.  
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